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SUBJECT: DEPT COMMENT ON NORTH KOREA/PRC JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR SPOKESMAN'S
USE IF QUESTIONED.

2. QUOTE:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED AT THE END OF THE VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT
KIM IL SUNG TO PEKING?

ANSWER: I DON'T WANT TO TRY TO ANALYZE THE COMMUNIQUE.
HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO THE STATEMENTS IN THE COMMUNIQUE
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REGARDING THE U.S., I WOULD NOTE THAT WE BELIEVE OUR

SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA REMAINS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE IN MAINTAINING THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA. OUR SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA IS WELL KNOWN.

BACKGROUND: A LENGTHY PRC-NORTH KOREAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED APRIL 25 AT THE CONCLUSION OF AN UNUSUAL, EIGHT-DAY VISIT BY NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG

TO THE PRC. THE COMMUNIQUE PROVIDES FIRM CHINESE SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC POSITIONS, INCLUDING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES STATIONED IN KOREA, AND IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE ROKG. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT THREATEN DIRECT MILITARY ACTION. THE ROKG HAS BEEN CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBLY ADVERSE EFFECTS OF EVENTS IN INDOCHINA AND KIM'S SUDDEN TRIP TO PEKING ON THE SECURITY OF SOUTH KOREA.

END QUOTE.

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